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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *RCE (10/31/07); Inteview (12/05/07) and Examiner's Amendment (12/07/07)*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *2-18,20-28,30,31,33-35,49,51,53-57 and 59-61*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

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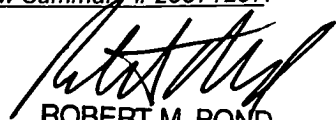
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    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date *20071205* .

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☒ Other *Interview Summary # 20071207*.

ROBERT M. POND
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Received approval/corrections for claims amendements to put claims into condition for allowance. See attached electronic mail correspondence with Ms. Yenyun Fu.

Attached: copy of electronic mail correspondence with Ms. Yenyun Fu. .

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as

provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it

MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with

Ms. Yenyun Fu, #59,141 on 07 December 2007. Regarding claim 57, the

Applicants invoke 35 USC 112 6th paragraph for claim 57 as documented in an

Interview Summary included with this Examiner's Amendment (Paper

#200071207).

Claims Allowed

Claims 2-18, 20-28, 30, 31, 33-35, 49, 51, 53-57 and 59-61 are allowed.

Claim 58 and dependent claims 37-47 were canceled by Ms. Yenyun Fu

subsequent to the RCE/amendment entered 31 October 2007. Claims 1, 19, 29,

32, 36-48, 50, 52 and 58 are canceled.

In the Claims

The claims entered 31 October 2007 have been amended as follows:

- Delete claim 54 in its entirety and insert therefore:

- -54. A method of facilitating an electronic commerce transaction between a user

and a merchant, the method comprising:

operating a computer system that is unaffiliated with a second set of

computer systems utilized by a set of merchants to provide electronic

commerce, the computer system being configured to respond to a user's

audio command representing an audio purchase request received via a

telephone interface system of the computer system;

presenting one or more offerings provided by at least one of the set of

merchants in audio format via the telephone interface system;

identifying a particular merchant of the at least one of the set of merchants

to whom the audio purchase request is relevant in response to receiving the

audio purchase request;

automatically establishing an electronic communication link between the

computer system and a particular computer system of the second set of

computer systems that is affiliated with the particular merchant; and

performing by said computer system acting as an agent for the user, the

electronic commerce transaction initiated by the audio purchase request.- -

- Delete claim 55 in its entirety and insert therefore:

- -55. A method of facilitating an electronic commerce transaction between a user

and a merchant, the method comprising:

operating a computer system that is unaffiliated with a second set of

computer systems utilized by a set of merchants to provide electronic commerce,

the computer system being configured to respond to a user's audio command

representing an audio purchase request received via a telephone interface

system of the computer system;

presenting one or more offerings provided by at least one of the set of

merchants in audio format via the telephone interface system;

converting at the computer system the received audio command to an

electronic command in response to receiving the audio purchase request;

identifying a particular merchant of the set of merchants to whom the audio

purchase request is relevant;

automatically establishing by the computer system an electronic

communication link with a particular computer system of the second set of

computer systems that is affiliated with the particular merchant by utilizing the

electronic command; and

performing by said computer system acting as an agent for the user, the

electronic commerce transaction initiated by the audio purchase request.- -

- Delete claim 56 in its entirety and insert therefore:

- -56. A computer system for facilitating an electronic commerce transaction

between a user and a merchant comprising:

a network interface including at least one program to access a second set of

computer systems using one or more of a SSL protocol, a HTTP, or a HTTPS,

the second set of computer systems being utilized by a set of merchants to

provide electronic commerce;

a telephone interface to receive a user's audio purchase request and to

receive telephone identifying information corresponding to the telephone,

wherein the user is presented one or more offerings provided by at least one of

the set of merchants in audio format via the telephone interface; and

a computer system to control the network interface and the telephone

interface, the computer system being unaffiliated with the second set of computer

systems and facilitating an electronic commerce transaction with a particular

computer system of the second set of computer systems, automatically

establishing an electronic communication link with the particular computer

system to initiate an electronic commerce transaction, wherein, the particular

computer system is associated with a particular merchant of the set of merchants

to be identified from the received audio purchase request, and wherein said

computer system acting as an agent for the user, performs the electronic

commerce transaction initiated by the audio purchase request..- -

- Delete claim 57 in its entirety and insert therefore:

- -57. A computer system for facilitating an electronic commerce transaction

between a user and a merchant comprising:

means for the computer system to operate independently and separately from

a second set of unaffiliated computer systems utilized by a set of merchants to

provide electronic commerce;

means for responding to a user's audio command representing an audio

purchase request;

means for presenting one or more offerings provided by at least one of the set

of merchants in audio format via a telephone interface system;

means for identifying a particular merchant of the set of merchants to whom

the audio purchase request is relevant;

means for automatically establishing an electronic communication link with a

particular computer system of the second set of computer systems; and

means for electronically interacting by the computer system acting as an

agent for the user with the particular computer system of the second set of

computer systems to perform an electronic commerce transaction initiated by the

audio purchase request.- -.

- Delete claim 59 in its entirety and insert therefore:

- -59. A method for facilitating an electronic commerce transaction between a

user and a merchant comprising:

operating a first computer system that is unaffiliated with a second set of

computer systems utilized by a set of merchants to provide electronic commerce

to a user, the first computer system being configured to respond to an audio

command representing a one or more of an audio purchase inquiry and an audio

purchase confirmation received via a telephone interface system of the computer

system to purchase the item;

receiving an audio purchase inquiry from the user associated with an

electronic commerce transaction;

receiving telephone identifying information via the telephone interface system;

accessing a user profile corresponding to the telephone identifying

information, the user profile corresponding to information about the user;

identifying a set of criteria governing the electronic commerce transaction

based on a set of audio correspondences with the user, the set of criteria

indicates a preference for one or more of a type of offering and a merchant;

presenting one or more offerings of a type that is associated with the preference

provided by at least one of the set of merchants to the user in audio format via

the telephone interface system;

receiving the audio purchase confirmation from the user for an offering of the

one or more offerings, identifying a particular merchant of the set of merchants

from whom the offering is provided;

providing a third audio request over the telephone interface system, the third

audio request corresponding to a request for at least one of a name, an address,

a credit card number, a credit card expiration date, an electronic mail address, or

a telephone number;

receiving an audio information response over the telephone interface system,

the audio information response corresponding to at least one of a name, an

address, a credit card number, a credit card expiration date, an electronic mail

address, or a telephone number;

storing the corresponding at least one of a name, an address, a credit card

number, a credit card expiration date, an electronic mail address, or a telephone

number in the user profile;

automatically establishing an electronic communication link with the particular

computer system of the second set of computer systems that is affiliated with the

particular merchant;

communicating with the particular computer system to complete the electronic

commerce transaction initiated by the audio purchase inquiry; wherein the

communicating with the particular computer system comprises providing

information from the user profile to the particular computer system; and

generating a voice receipt, the voice receipt corresponding to information

about the electronic commerce transaction, wherein the voice receipt includes at

least one of a name of a product, a description of the product, a name of the

particular merchant, a contact information for the particular merchant, a price

paid for the product, an order number, a confirmation number, or a status.- -

- Delete claim 60 in its entirety and insert therefore:

- -60. A method of completing a user's purchase over a telephone from a list

including a plurality of items, the method comprising:

operating a first computer system that is unaffiliated with a second set of

computer systems utilized by a set of merchants to provide electronic commerce,

the first computer system being configured to respond to the user's audio

command representing a request to purchase from the list, and the telephone

being coupled to the first computer system by a telephone interface;

using the first computer system to present each of the plurality of items in the

list over the telephone interface;

identifying a particular merchant of the set of merchants to whom the audio

command is relevant in response to the audio command, and causing the

computer system to automatically establish an electronic communication link with

a particular computer system of the second set of computer systems that is

affiliated with the particular merchant; and

communicating by the computer system acting as an agent for the user with

the particular computer system to perform an electronic commerce transaction to

complete the purchase from the list.- -

- Delete claim 61 in its entirety and insert therefore:

- -61. A method for facilitating an electronic commerce transaction between a

user and a merchant using information transmitted over a telephone interface

coupled to a computer, the method comprising:

operating the computer that is unaffiliated with a second set of computer

systems utilized by a set of merchants to provide electronic commerce, the

computer being configured to respond to the user's audio command;

presenting by the computer one or more offerings provided by at least one of

the set of merchants in audio format via the telephone interface;

identifying a particular merchant of the at least one of the set of merchants to

whom the audio command is relevant in response to receiving the audio

command over the telephone interface, and causing the computer to

automatically establish an electronic communication link with and communicate

with a particular computer system of the second set of computer systems that is

affiliated with the particular merchant;

performing by said computer acting as an agent for the user, the electronic

commerce transaction initiated by the audio command; and

wherein transmitting information over the telephone interface comprises:

sending audio data from the computer to an audio interface for

presenting the audio data to a human, the audio data pertaining to an

electronic commerce transaction between the computer and the particular

computer system;

receiving data on the computer, the data corresponding to a speech

recognition result for the audio data by said human; and

responsive to receiving the data, updating a data storage device coupled

to the computer by storing the speech recognition result in said data storage

device.- -

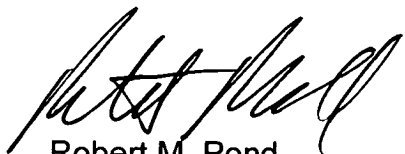## Examiner's Note Regarding Cited Prior Art

Prior art Cohen (US 7,082,397) cited in the previous office action remains the

closest US Patent. Voice Commerce (NPL cited in Paper #20051212) remains as

the closest NPL.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert M. Pond whose telephone number is 571-272-6760. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Jeff Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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